

BLEW UP BANK
GOT \$25,000Bold Work by Robbers in
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EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

The Front of Building Was Wrecked,
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Farmers and Manufacturers'
Bank.

Richhill, Missouri, Feb. 12.—The Farmers and Manufacturers' bank of this city was blown up early this morning by a gang of robbers, who escaped with a large amount of money, nearly \$25,000 in currency. The front of the brick building was wrecked, as was also the interior of the bank. The explosion caused the brick vault to be torn to pieces, and the steel safe which was inside was covered with debris.

At first it was not known whether any money and securities had been stolen, but when daylight came the bank officials discovered that the robbers got away with approximately \$25,000. The bank was well protected by burglar insurance. The bank is capitalized at \$25,000.

Richhill is a place of about 5,000 population, lying 25 miles south of Kansas City, in Bates county. It is a coal mining, zinc smelting and brick-making town.

WHOLE CITY SHAKEN
BY GREAT EXPLOSIONOne Man Burned to Death, Another
Fatally Injured and Two More
Burned To-day at McKees-
port, Penn.

McKeesport, Penn., Feb. 12.—By a tremendous explosion in the tank-house of the Monongahela blast furnace to-day, one man was burned to death, another was fatally injured, and two others were painfully burned. The whole city was shaken and thousands of dollars' worth of glass was broken. The explosion was felt a mile away.

MANY PERSONS DEAD
IN BIG EXPLOSIONTurks and Armenians in an Encounter
When Former Attempted to Carry
Off Hidden Ammunition.

Vienna, Feb. 12.—Many persons were killed and the greater part of the Armenian quarter at Van, Asia Minor, was wrecked by an explosion of a magazine while the Armenian land was resisting its seizure by Turkish soldiers. The Turks had found the hiding-place of a large quantity of rifles and ammunition and were carrying them away when a furious fight followed. It is not known whether or not the explosion occurred accidentally. A church was hurled high in the air.

HERR CONRIED OUT.

No Longer Director of the Metropolitan
Opera House.

New York, Feb. 12.—The resignation of Heinrich Conried as director of the Conried Metropolitan opera-house company was accepted yesterday at a meeting of the directors of the company, and the announcement made last night that Mr. Conried would be succeeded by Signor Giulio Gatti-Casazza, director of La Scala, Milan, Italy, and Andreas Dippel, a German tenor who has sung at the Metropolitan for a number of years. The two directors are to have equal power. Gatti-Casazza as general manager and Dippel as administrative manager. The reason given by Mr. Conried for his retirement is ill health.

While Mr. Conried's resignation does not go into effect until May, Conductor Gustav Mahler, director of the Court opera house in Vienna, who has been conducting here this season, will take active direction of the company until the end of the season. To assist him, the directors of the Metropolitan have engaged Signor Toscanini, the conductor at La Scala, Milan. Mahler and Toscanini will act as joint conductors.

WHIRLED IN SHAFING.

Man Instantly Killed in Grinder Room
of Paper Mills.

Berlin, N. H., Feb. 12.—William Williamson of Coombs employed in the grinder room of the Cascade paper mills, was killed yesterday by being wound around a shafting.

He was hurled around the shaft for several revolutions before the power could be shut off. Death was instantaneous.

THE BODY NOT FOUND.

Of Miss Varina Blandy Who is Thought
to Have Drowned Herself.

Nahant, Mass., Feb. 12.—Search for the body of Miss Varina Blandy, who is supposed to have thrown herself into the water off the rocks of Little Nahant, was abandoned by the lifesavers yesterday. It is thought that the body might have been carried back out to sea or, if it was sunk in the deep water off this point, it will not be cast up on the beach until the next big storm.

EX-PREMIER WORN OUT.

Genoa, Feb. 12.—Senator Franco arrived here last evening. He appeared very much worn out and retired to his hotel, refusing to see anyone.

WOMAN ACQUITTED
OF MURDER CHARGEMrs. Dora McDonald Freed in Chicago
Last Night—Had Been Accused of
Killing Webster Guerin.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Dora McDonald, who has been in trial here since January 20 on the charge of murdering Webster Guerin, was acquitted by a jury in the criminal court last night. The verdict was reached after 6 1/2 hours.

The defendant, who is the widow of Michael G. McDonald, formerly a political leader in Chicago, received the verdict without apparent emotion. During the trial she had frequently collapsed and on several occasions the case had been interrupted in order that she might receive medical attention. Last night, however, she was the least moved of any of the persons concerned in the defense, her attendant being an overman that Mrs. McDonald was compelled to exchange rolls with her and try to quiet the woman.

Members of the jury took an oath before reporting their finding not to reveal the history of their deliberation. The first ballot, they said, stood 8 to 4 in favor of acquittal. Subsequent developments were kept secret.

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JOHN M. FOSS A SUICIDE.

Hopkinton, N. H., Man, Probably De-
ranged, Shot Himself Through Heart.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 12.—John M. Foss, who lives on the South road in Hopkinton, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting himself through the heart.

He was about his usual health yesterday afternoon in apparently his usual health and spirits, but as he was subject to spells of being somewhat out of his head, it is supposed he was temporarily deranged.

He was about 55 years of age and leaves a widow.

WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB.

More Than 2,000 Dogs at the Show in
New York.

New York, Feb. 12.—More than 2,000 dogs were benched at the Madison Square garden yesterday for the annual muster of the finest of their breeds under the auspices of the Westminster Kennel club. Some new breeds and new specimens of old breeds were shown, including old Irish wolf hounds which have not been seen at a dog show in this city for years. Eskimo dogs, which heretofore have been shown in separate classes this year and will be seen hitched up.

DISCREDITS THE REPORT.

Schoolmate of Mikado's Advisor Says
Dennison Will Not Resign.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 12.—George H. Colby of Lancaster, N. H., addressed the North Church Men's club Monday evening upon his recent trip to Japan where he was the guest of his old schoolmate, Henry W. Dennison, the foreign adviser of the Mikado. Mr. Colby gave a most interesting biography of this distinguished Vermont man who this year rounds out 44 years of life in the Flowery Kingdom and discredited the published report, that he was to resign his position.

JAMES D. LAYNG DEAD.

Vice-President of the Big Four Passed
Away This Morning.

New York, Feb. 12.—James D. Layng, vice-president of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Paul railroad, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at his home, 931 Fifth avenue.

Mr. Layng had been ill for several days and no hope had been held out for his recovery because of his advanced age.

MARSHFIELD.

E. A. Rosebrook and his mother were
in Barre Tuesday.

H. D. R. Drinnell is able to be out of doors a short time each day.

States Attorney Benjamin Gates of Montpelier was in town today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trombly of Grand Isle are visiting their sister, Mrs. Leon Chitto.

The board of civil authority will meet at the school house next Tuesday for the abatement of taxes.

Mrs. Dan Newton is in Calcut keeping house for Dr. M. D. Warren during the illness of her mother, Mrs. Hodgden.

J. Berton Pike and Berton Jr., were in Calcut last Sunday to visit Mr. Pike's mother, Mrs. Jennie A. who is stopping with Mrs. Mary L. Atkins.

Mrs. Joshua Drinnell has been confined to her bed with gripple, but at this writing is able to be dressed. Elizabeth Bohannon is working for G. L. Duinell.

Next Saturday evening at the regular meeting of the Pythian Sisters work is expected, and refreshments will be served. All members are cordially requested to come.

Everybody is cordially invited to spend a pleasant and helpful evening at the M. E. church next Friday evening, February 14th, when Rev. Glenn W. Douglass of Danville will give an evening of readings. All who listened to the able sermon of this young man, not long since, will surely avail themselves of this opportunity of listening to him again.

Sunday, February 10th will be observed as the national anniversary Sunday, by the Knights of Pythias of the United States. February 10th is the anniversary of the organization of the order, and the Sunday nearest it, will hereafter be observed. Rev. F. E. Currier will address the Marshfield lodge at the M. E. church at the usual hour of service. All members of the order are earnestly requested to attend.

NOT AGREED
AT QUINCYManufacturers and Cutters
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It is customary for the two sleeper trains to meet at Cuttingville, one taking the siding to allow the other to pass by on the main track.

The engine of the eastbound unconsciously ran his engine over the end of the siding a few feet before stopping and to this fact the collision was due. The northbound had slowed down to pass the other train so that the impact was not severe.

Saturday afternoon the northbound flyer ran into an open switch at Wallingford and Friday morning the rear car on the eastbound mail train jumped the track in the Rutland railroad yards here, a serious accident being narrowly averted in each case.

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Another Local Event Last Night Was
Brought to Members of Philomathian
Club and Gentlemen—Knights of
Pythias Also Have a Spread.

GENTLEMEN AS GUESTS.

Philomathians Gave a Delightful Affair
Last Evening.

The home of the Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Poole was the scene of a delightful festivity last evening, the occasion being the annual gentlemen's night of the Philomathian club.

Dinner was served at 6:30, the tables being arranged in the form a mammoth letter P. Covers were laid for 43. Candles were used very effectively for table decorations, while at each place was the club flower, carnation. These, together with the dainty place cards, made a picture not soon to be forgotten.

After doing full justice to the following delicious menus:

Tomato soup Dinner biscuit
Fried Smelts Sauce Tartare
Latticed potatoes
Crown roast of lamb Mashed potatoes
Peas
Orange and walnut salad
Cream cheese

Ice cream Cake Coffee

prepared by the committee, the president of the club, Mrs. E. W. Bisbee, introduced Mrs. O. H. Hale, who, in her inimitable manner, gave a welcome to the guests in behalf of the club. Rev. F. A. Poole responded to the toast, "The Club Husband," and provoked much merriment by his allusions to the hard study done by the ladies along the various lines of research, and the by no means small part the husband played in this.

Mrs. Bisbee then introduced the Rev. L. E. Reed of Montpelier, who spoke most entertainingly of "Sub-conscious Mentality." Mr. Reed, who has made a careful study of sub-conscious phenomena, spoke with great enthusiasm and gave many amusing as well as instructive illustrations in support of his various points. It was a matter of regret that the rapidly passing time forbade elaboration of this interesting subject.

H. W. Heath of Goddard seminary closed the program with two enjoyable readings.

Much credit is due the committee, Mrs. Frank J. Martin, Mrs. Henry A. Phelps and Mrs. Francis A. Poole, for arranging so delightful an evening.

KNIGHTS ABOUT THE BOARD.

Pythians Smoke, Eat and Do a Little
Work Also.

At the meeting of Vincitia lodge, no. 10, Knights of Pythias, last evening, the second rank was worked on two candidates. After the work refreshments of coffee and sandwiches were served in the banquet hall. There was a good-sized attendance of the members. Knights here have received notices of the meeting of the third district, to be held at North Troy Friday evening, Feb. 14.

TAX COMMISSION

HEARS EVIDENCE

Public Session Held To-day at the State
House at Montpelier Over Proposed
Tax Reform in Vermont.

The state commission to consider tax reform in Vermont gave a public hearing at the State House in Montpelier to-day, the morning session being called to order at ten o'clock. John C. Gale of Guilford favored cutting off all offsets for debts owed, and to meet the deficiency in revenue to the state in some other manner. It is said the deficiency would be \$75,000. He also favored exemption on money loaned on real estate at a low rate.

Dr. William Stanford Stevens of St. Albans asked for liberality in the tax law, so that rich men from the outside would not feel barred from coming in and placing their money. He thought that corporations ought to pay local taxes rather than a tax to the state, with the state licensing the corporations. He objected to what he termed the inquisitorial features of the present law.

E. N. Bacon of Chelsea and C. E. Smith of Morrisville were other speakers, the former being the last speaker this forenoon and the latter going before the commission this afternoon. It developed that of the 113,856 inventories examined by the agents of the commission last summer, only 3,632 were made out so that they would stand the requirements of the law.

BANQUET CONCLUDED

STATE C. O. F. SESSION

Covers Laid For 80 at The Northern
Hotel Last Night—Remarks Made
By Various Guests.

The semi-annual session of the state officers of the Catholic order of Foresters was concluded last evening with a complimentary banquet given in their honor at the Northern hotel. Covers were laid for 80 guests and the party did full justice to one of "Mine Host" Sanguinetti's most capable efforts in the line of eatables. The banquet began at 8:30 and the last informal talk was not delivered until nearly the stroke of midnight.

The toastmaster of the evening, F. L. Graves of Winoski was introduced by State Organizer A. W. Frenier and the toastmaster after a few remarks introduced Rev. E. F. Cray, who welcomed the state officers of the organization to the city and also gave a brief talk in regard to the growth of the city in the past few years.

The next speaker was State Chief Ranger Frank Alapa of Winoski, who spoke of the silver jubilee of the order, which it is expected will be held May 24. Mr. Alapa also thanked St. John's court for the hospitality and courtesy which had shown to the state officers during their visit to the city.

J. H. Talbot of Northfield spoke of the immense amount of good that was being done by the order and of its benefit to the living as well as those who were dependent upon the members who died and of the promptness with which the Foresters paid all claims against the organization.

The next speaker was T. A. Austin of Brattleboro, who gave an interesting talk on all of everything including politics. State Treasurer Frank W. Sault of Swanton spoke of the great benefits to be derived from membership in the order. Judge Sykes of Burlington responded in a fitting manner to the toast "the ladies" and spoke of their assistance in upbuilding and assisting the organization.

Following the remarks of Mr. Sykes came short talks by J. E. Goyette, Essex Junction; N. E. L'Esper, St. Albans; M. D. McLaughlin, Burlington; William J. Kingston, Barre; M. J. Daley, Burlington; James Fitzpatrick, Granville; P. F. McCarthy, Barre.

The Catholic order of Foresters is an organization that has made considerable progress in the state in the past few years and there is at the present time a membership of 4,500 divided among 45 courts and prospects of the formation of new courts in the near future.

During the business session yesterday afternoon a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the celebra-

EXAMINING PORK

To Find the Germs Which Cause Trich-
inae Poisoning.

Burlington, Feb. 12.—A number of specimens of pork have been received at the state laboratory for analysis. These specimens came from Bristol and vicinity, where several cases of trichinae poisoning have been reported. This poisoning comes from eating pork that is infected with a certain germ that enters the human system and finds lodging in the muscles, where it thrives and becomes a very painful affliction, often incapacitating the patient for work for life. Meat infected with the germ cannot be detected with the naked eye. Several cases of this kind have been found before in and around Bristol.

TAKEN TO PRISON.

Josie M. Anstey Convicted of Cruelty to
Her Infant.

St. Albans, Feb. 12.—Josie M. Anstey, who was convicted in Franklin county last September of cruelty to her infant and placed in charge of C. P. Hogan, probation officer, was surrendered to the proper authorities Monday because of violations of her release. She was taken to Windsor yesterday to serve a sentence of not more than two years and not less than one and one-half in state prison.

A TEN MINUTE CAUCUS.

Rutland Republicans Nominate H. O.
Carpenter For Mayor.

Rutland, Feb. 12.—At a Republican caucus last night, which lasted less than ten minutes, ex-Senator Henry O. Carpenter was nominated for mayor. Frank L. Clark, the present incumbent was named for constable and collector, and Will L. Davis, a Democrat, who has been city treasurer 13 years, was endorsed for that office.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

A man giving his name as James Lo-
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EASILY LEADS

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Health Officer Reports That There Were
22 Births in the Same Time, and
12 Cases of Contagious Disease
With No Deaths From Them.

The year 1908 starts out in Barre with a record of 22 births, nine deaths and 12 cases of contagious disease, as the health officer reported to the city council last evening. The births were evenly divided between male and female. In the causes of death, consumption leads—in fact, has the majority—with five, while two died of bronchitis, one of valvular disease of the heart and one of old age. The so-called contagious diseases resulted in no deaths. Of the twelve cases, four were of scarlet fever.

The usual warrants for weekly pay to the street, water, fire and police departments were drawn last night, and also one of \$132.44 discount on the city's \$7,000 note to the Barre Savings Bank and Trust company. F. G. Howland, as trustee of the United States deposit fund for school purposes, reported that the entire amount due from Barre City—\$16,488.60—had been paid to the state, thus stopping all